



Local Government Association of the Northern Territory

LGANT Submission to the **EXPENDITURE ON CHILDREN IN THE NORTHERN TERRITORY**

Via online to: www.pc.gov.au/nt-children

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About this submission

This submission is in response to the Productivity Commission's inquiry into government expenditure on children and family services in the Northern Territory.

The submission covers specific services and programs for 10 out of 17 local governments in the Northern Territory carried out during 2017-18. The programs and services are considered the most relevant because of their focus on preventing harm to children or that have led to better outcomes for children, families and the community.

A host of other major services and programs were not chosen because they are not as relevant however, LGANT acknowledges that they do contribute elements of activities that can go some way to preventing harm to children or leading to better outcomes for children, families and the community.

These programs and services include :

- public libraries
- aquatic, leisure and multi purpose centres
- sport and recreation programs
- parks and reserves
- childcare programs

**Table 1
Specific services and programs**

Number	Services and Programs by Councils	Grant Income \$
1.	Alice Springs Town Council	
	Safer streets programme	4,000
	Youth Vibe holidays and programs	7,000
2.	Barkly Regional Council	
	Safe house program	39,000
	Community safety patrol program	218,000
	Alcohol actions initiative	16,000
3.	Belyuen	
	Home care support	258,000
4.	Central Desert Regional Council	
	Community safety patrols program	3,402,000
	Outside school hours care	325,000
	Disability in home support	30,000
5.	City of Darwin	
	Fun bus program	103,000
6.	East Arnhem Regional Council	
	Home care, home support and disability services	6,700,000
	Community safety patrol	
	Sobering up shelter	

7.	MacDonnell Regional Council	
	Volatile substance abuse	80,000
	Youth diversion services	132,000
	Youth vibe grant	21,000
8.	Tiwi Islands Regional Council	
	Community safety patrols	1,054,000
	Outside school hours care	191,000
	Youth diversion services	223,000

Table 1 (continued)
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Number	Services and Programs by Council	Grant Income \$
9.	West Arnhem Regional Council	
	Women's safe house Gunbalanya	425,000
	Outside school hours care	84,000
	Home support	188,000
10.	West Daly Regional Council	
	Home support	581,000
	Community safety patrols	1,196,000

Only revenues are shown because they were readily available.

Some of the challenges that councils face in delivering services generally are highlighted in the 2018-2022 Regional Plan of the Central Desert Regional Council (https://centraldesert.nt.gov.au/sites/centraldesert.nt.gov.au/files/attachments/cdrc_regional_council_regional_plan_2018_2022.pdf) which states: